OPHIOGLOSSUM vulgatum.

Lin. Gen. Plan. 1171. *Spec. Plan.* 1518. *Ray Syn.* 128. *Flo. Scot.* 651. *Flo. Ang.* 449. *Ger. Em.* 404. *Park.* 506.

TAB. III.

ADDERS TONGUE.

THE root conſiſts wholly of fibres, often furniſhed with a bulb-like hybernaculum, which contains a ſucceeding plant in embrio.

The proper ſtalk is green, flattiſh, from two to four inches high, ſupporting one leaf at the top; the leaf is tongue-ſhaped, two inches long, thick, gloſſy, ſucculent, and of a firm ſubſtance, varying in colour from a light to a dark green.

Seed veſſels arranged in two rows, and forming a jointed ſpike, the rows placed oppoſite; when ripe, they burſt tranſverſely, and diſcharge ſmall ſeeds; the ſpike is ſupported on a ſtalk two or three inches high, ariſing from the point where the tongue-ſhaped leaf is united to the firſt ſtalk, by the bottom of which leaf the ſpike ſtalk is partly ſurrounded and embraced.

VARIETIES.